

CCC Media Advisory

California Conservation Corps

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Sen. Wes Chesbro, Assem. Patty Berg, State CCC Director Will Semmes to attend
Media Advisory for Friday, April 29, 10 a.m., Ukiah
CCC Celebrates Grand Re-Opening of Ukiah Center

The California Conservation Corps is celebrating good news this Friday – its Ukiah Center will remain open as a residential center for 60 corpsmembers.

The CCC has secured funding to allow the residential facility to continue its operation. The center was constructed by corpsmembers in 1988 and corpsmembers living there perform natural resource work throughout Mendocino, Lake, Napa and Sonoma counties. The Ukiah Center also serves as the administrative base for CCC crews in Napa and on San Francisco's Treasure Island.

Who: The Grand Re-Opening Celebration will be attended by the young men and women of the CCC, joined by guests, including work sponsors, local officials and friends of the Corps. State CCC Director Will Semmes, Senator Wes Chesbro, Assemblymember Patty Berg and Ukiah Mayor Mark Ashiku will be among the speakers at the Friday celebration.

What: The celebration will take place from 10 a.m. to noon at the CCC's Ukiah Center. A grand re-opening ceremony will begin at 10:15 a.m.; following the ceremony guests will be able to tour the facility.

Where: 2600 Old River Road, Ukiah. See directions below.

When: Friday morning, April 29, 10 a.m. to noon, with ceremony at 10:15 a.m.

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The CCC's Ukiah Center

-- provides more than 100,000 hours of natural resource work throughout the area each year. The work includes salmon habitat restoration and enhancement, construction of hiking, equestrian and OHV trails, tree planting, park

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development and removal of non-native plant species.

- puts more than \$1.2 million into the local economy each year (more than \$100,000 each month).
- encourages community participation, and each year Ukiah corpsmembers volunteer more than 1,000 hours of their time on local projects, including the Headstart playground, Cinco de Mayo, the Spring Festival, Russian River Run, PAL activities, Boys and Girls Club events, and more.
- annually assists dozens of corpsmembers in earning high school diplomas or GEDs.

The California Conservation Corps is a workforce development program that prepares young men and women, 18 to 25, to become employable citizens through life skills training and hard work in environmental conservation and emergency services. The CCC was created in 1976 and is the oldest and largest conservation corps in the United States.



Directions

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From the north:

Take Highway 101 south to the Talmage Exit (the 4th Ukiah exit).

On the offramp stay in the left lane (follow the sign to Talmage).

This lane merges on to Talmage road heading east.

Go east approximately 1.5 miles to the "T" intersection at Eastside Road.

Take a right on Old River Road (heading south).

The Ukiah CCC Center is on your right approximately 1/4 mile from Talmage Road.

From the south:

Take Highway 101 north to the Talmage exit (the 3rd Ukiah exit).

Make a right onto Talmage Road heading east.

Go east approximately 1.5 miles to the "T" intersection at Old River Road.

Take a right on Old River Road (heading south).

The Ukiah CCC Center is on your right approximately 1/4 mile from Talmage Road.